## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

MALIBU MEDIA, LLC,	)	
Plaintiff,	) Civil Action Case No	
v.		
JOHN DOE subscriber assigned IP address 24.247.164.175,	) ) )	
Defendant.	) ) )	

## DECLARATION OF TOBIAS FIESER IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE DISCOVERY PRIOR TO A RULE 26(f) CONFERENCE

## I, TOBIAS FIESER, HEREBY DECLARE:

- 1. My name is Tobias Fieser.
- 2. I am over the age of 18 and am otherwise competent to make this declaration.
- 3. This declaration is based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon to do so, I will testify that the facts stated herein are true and accurate.
- 4. I am employed by IPP, Limited ("IPP"), a company organized and existing under the laws of Germany, in its litigation support department.
- 5. Among other things, IPP is in the business of providing forensic investigation services to copyright owners.
- 6. As part of my duties for IPP, I routinely monitor the BitTorrent file distribution network for the presence of copyrighted works, and I identify the Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses that are being used by infringers to distribute these copyrighted works.

- 7. Plaintiff retained IPP to monitor the BitTorrent file distribution network in order to identify IP addresses that are being used by to distribute Plaintiff's copyrighted works without authorization.
- 8. IPP tasked me with effectuating, analyzing, reviewing and attesting to the results of this investigation.
- 9. During the performance of my duties, I used forensic software named INTERNATIONAL IPTRACKER v 1.5 and related technology enabling the scanning of the BitTorrent file distribution network for the presence of infringing transactions involving Plaintiff's movies.
- 10. INTERNATIONAL IPTRACKER v 1.5 was correctly installed and initiated on a server.
  - 11. I personally extracted the resulting data emanating from the investigation.
- 12. After reviewing the evidence logs, I isolated the transactions and the IP addresses being used on the BitTorrent file distribution network to distribute Plaintiff's copyrighted works.
- 13. Computer(s) using the IP address identified on Exhibit A to the Complaint<sup>1</sup> ("Exhibit A") connected to IPP's investigative server in order to transmit a full copy, or a portion thereof, of each digital media file as identified by the hash values as set forth on Exhibit A to the Complaint. At no point did IPP distribute any of Plaintiff's copyrighted works. INTERNATIONAL IPTRACKER v 1.5 is designed in such a way so that it is incapable of distributing any content.
- 14. The IP address, hash values and hit dates contained on Exhibit A correctly reflect what is contained in the evidence logs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, each Exhibit referenced herein refers to the corresponding Complaint Exhibit.

15. Our software analyzed each bit downloaded from the IP address identified on Exhibit A. Our software further verified that each of these bits was a portion of the file hash as

listed on Exhibit A. Each file hash listed on Exhibit A was verified to be a digital media file

containing a motion picture as enumerated in Exhibit A. Our software downloaded one or more

bits of each file hash listed on Exhibit A from the IP address referenced on Exhibit A.

16. I was provided with a control copy of each copyrighted work identified on Exhibit

A (the "Movie"). I viewed each Movie side-by-side with the corresponding digital media file

identified by its file hash value as set forth on Exhibit A. I verified that each digital media file

contained a motion picture that was identical, strikingly similar or substantially similar to the

Movie associated with it, as identified by its file hash, on Exhibit A.

17. IPP uses our software and related technology to document a wider scope of

activity by Defendant within the BitTorrent file distribution network. The results of this

additional surveillance are set forth on Exhibit C to the Complaint which contains each

applicable transaction date and file name distributed by Defendant.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

**DECLARATION** 

PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 2661 day of August, 2013.

**TOBIAS FIESER** 

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